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for the gang, but she has brought the maguey, a fleshy-leaved growth and Edgington.

13,097 in 1914.

The springs are later and also the autumns. Formerly much now it is not wise to do so as it does not prove a success. Really the almanacs and other regulators of the seasons should change their divisions of months and have January, February and the month of March for the winter months. Let spring and spring flowers begin April the first.

The Hon. John Isaac Cox, former governor of Tennessee, and for years boss of the State Senate, is hungry for a piece of political pie from Woodrow Wilson's pie board, and it is reported that John Isaac is to be postmaster at ally worship the figures of their Bristol. Quite a fall from governor to postmaster, but why should John Isaac worry so long as he for the particular saint who repgets fed from the public teat? Gov. Cox is a good fellow socially, but like many others; he wants a public job and he has gotten many in the past.

NEW YORK

The recent attack of the Villa where they killed and wounded a numnew notoriety, and I think your read-

gentleman here who is associated with me spent most of his life there, and has told me some very interesting things about it. It is said on newspaper authority, but without any official confirmation, that negotiations are now being made to buy all of Mexico. for the United States, as far south as a line stretched east and west between Tampico and the southern end of Dower California, for the sum of three here says that the minerals in the one state of Chihuahua alone are worth and contains vast numbers of serpents insects, such as the tarantula and

to give a prisoner a chance to escape, avocado, pitanga, sapote, mispeno, read the other day from a man in and then, when he starts to run, maranon, cacao or chocolate and doz- Mexico, who said times were fairly through an open door, as any sane ens of other delicious fruits that are good and money plentiful although on farm lands in McNairy county. We

and other original inhabitants of Mex- told wealth to the nation which is right pretty stuff, but nobody wants ice were a noble race compared with now the richest under the sun-our it except as a curosity. the "greasers" of to-day. They get own America. drunk on pulque, mexcal, and peyote, 'We must not imagine that the Mexalmost live on those vile intoxicants, icans are all without character, if they have a big hat, a knife, gun that indescribable Spanish pride of ha- this office.

Memphis may be a good city and fine saddle. Pulque is the sap of the grand old state of Tennessee like a century plant. The flower stem to shame twice with her DuBose in the center is cut out and a place scooped out where the sap collects, and is then sucked up through a long The government report on cot- tube by the greasers, who deposit the ton ginned to March 20 for Ten- sap in a goat-skin bag (which does nessee, is, for the entire state, not improve its flavor I imagine) and 295,707 against 372,068 in 1914; in a few days, in that hot climate, it McNairy county, 10,627 against turns to a curdle stuff with a sour villainous odor, and is then in condition to fit a Mexican to serve on the staff of Villa or old Scratch himself. Mexcal is a white, hot liquor, almost pure corn was planted in March, but alcohol, which scalds the throat of an American till the skin comes out in threads, so a man told me, who had tried it. The peyote is the worst thing of all. It is the undeveloped flower hud of a cactus, growing in the state of Tamaulipas, which when dried and dissolved on the tongue, puts a man into delirum for a week, and the use of it brings on insanity and death in a short time. These "mezcal beans" as they are called in New Mexico, wrought such havoc

> ernment has forbidden their use. The prevailing religion is Roman Catholic, but of a sort that may well be called paganism, for they practicsaints, of whom there is one for every day in the year. A child is named resents the day on which that child is born. For instance, July 15, is the day of San Enrique; therefore if a man was born on that day you may be sure his name is Henry (Enrique). Thus it comes that many men are called Jesus, Mary or Joseph and many a Jesus-Mary Greaser has been hung for his meaness on the border.

among the Indians there that our gov-

There are 155 different tribes of Indians in Mexico, each one speaking a language different from the other, the fiercest and cruelest in the world. bandits on Columbus, New Mexico. They fight like wild-cats, and no torment is too atrocious far them to inber of Americans, and the sending of flict on a captive. If we ever buy several thousands of our troops into Mexico we will have a task of many Mexico to capture Villa, have brought years in subduing them, during which the republic to the south of us into the pioneers will have hard times, But the wealth of that country, in ers would like something said about minerals especially will attract our people there. My friend says that gold is scattered all over Mexico, have read a great deal about it, and a while silver is there as nowhere else on earth. Quicksilver, which now sells at \$200 per flask of 86 pounds, is especially abundant in the states bordering on Texas, as Nueva Leon, Chihuahua and Coahuila. Lead, copper and iron are also there in millions of tons, awaiting the capital to get them out bnera" measure, beginning: Sol-sol, and into the market.

The great mountains of Popocate- fa-mi-do-re-si do,-si-la- sol-lapetl and other towering peaks, pierce re-do"can hardly forget it; the poethe clouds and are always snow-cap- try of old Spain; the sultry glamor of a plains below. The delicious guava, flowers and the glance of black amorbetter than the peach grows wild in ous eyes, are all in that wonderful several times that amount. It has the thickets; the ceriman, a vine song, and in another air, "Las Golon canyons, mountains and desert plains, which climbs to the tops of trees 100 drinas," (the swallowls) which is said feet high, bears a fruit that looks to be the Mexican national air. and wild beasts, as well as poisonous like a grass-green ear of corn covered with hexagonal scales, which when brave U. S. troopers who are clambercentipede, and, worse still, a mixed ripe, surpasses the pineapple, strawpopulation, among whom are Indians berry or any other fruit I have ever hua and wish them good luck in capand half- breeds as cruel and desper- tasted. The Mexican consul at Bal- turing Francisco Villa, for whom, ate as the Comanches of our western timore told me there were forty difplains every were. They have tortured ferent kinds of bananas in his counmany of our people to death at times, try, which never reach this market; thinking nothing of skinning a man's some are not larger than your little play. Is is costing our government legs and throwing him into a blazing finger, and of a flavor like spices and fifty dollars a minute, or about sev- Leapwood, Tenn., fifteen good young brush-heap, or of forcing him to cream; others are as large as your enty-five thousand dollars a day. That mules, some broke to work, all gentle. march, bare-footed, among thorny cac- arm, and are baked for eating. Then will be a good investment, however. Will sell reasonable for cash or good tus and chapparal till he falls helpless. there are the cassava, sapadillo, lo- if it results in maintaining good order notes. One peculiarly Mexican custom is quat, Cherimolia, pepino, mango, along our frontier. I heard a letter

man would to get out of such hands, unknown in this country, but which food was pretty high. 'He wrote he is shot down. This is the infamous grow wild there, along with oranges. that coffee cost him \$75 a cup and "ley fuga," or law of flight, which has lemons, limes and grape-fruits. Sul- flour \$1,000 a sack. It must be recost the life of many a good man, phur is mined from the extinct vol- membered, however, that Mexican canos of Popocatepetl and runs money, that is, paper currency, is My friend says that only about ten down the mountain side in thousands worth only three cents on the dollar. make on 40 per cent valuation of land. per cent of the Mexicans he saw were of tons, and there are silver and gold You can get nice, clean Mexican "bil- W. D. AND O. C. HAGY, Selmer, Tenn of legitimate birth, and only about mines in many places, but the lack of letas de diez pesos," or ten-dollar bills, twenty per cent of them can read or water, and above all, the want of a on Broadway here for 5 cents each, write. Very few indeed, are of pure a good government, hold back devel- and there are few buyers at that white blood but the vast majority are opment. We really have enough of rate. This is the Madero money, with either full-blood or half-breed Indians our own to look after, but if Uncle pictures on it of the ill fated presmixed with Spanish or negro or other Sam does go in there to stay, it cer- ident whose murder precipitated the mongrel breed. The ancient Aztecs tainly will mean the addition of un-present civil war down there. It is

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